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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: P. Proost et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/537,859 GROUP: 1644

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FOR: AMINO-TERMINALLY TRUNCATED MCP-2 AS CHEMOKINE ANTAGONISTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 14, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-14 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims.

Rule 1.126
~~13~~ 15. An amino-terminally truncated MCP-2 lacking NH₂-terminal amino acids corresponding to amino acid residues 1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4 or 1-5 of naturally-occurring MCP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 2) and having chemokine antagonistic activity.

14 16. The truncated MCP-2 of claim ~~15~~ 13, wherein the truncated MCP-2 lacks NH₂-terminal amino acids corresponding to amino acid residues 1-5 of naturally-occurring MCP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 2).

15 17. The truncated MCP-2 of claim ~~15~~ 13, wherein the truncated MCP-2 has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

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